

Ballot Matrix – WAC Changes

What's Changing?

The process of conducting the Logic & Accuracy Test has not changed nor has the documentation required. Only one WAC has been amended: [WAC 434-335-323 - Preparing the logic and accuracy test](#), which describes the preparation of the ballot matrix, test pattern, and test deck(s) of ballots for use in the official L&A test.

Within that one WAC there are three components that changed:

Write-Ins

Past requirements

- Include one write-in for each test deck.

New Requirements

- For each candidate race, include a write-in.
 - Does not apply to candidate races that do not allow a write-in option (i.e., PCO races).
 - Treat the write-in like you would a candidate, continue the test pattern to include the write-in response position.
 - *Exception: "Write-In" as a candidate does not require unique results when appearing on the ballot in more than one race.*

Overvotes

Past Requirements

- Include one overvoted race for each test deck.

New Requirements

- Include an overvote in each race or measure.
 - Mark any 2 (or more) response positions within the same race or measure for every contest.

Jurisdiction with Multiple Measures

Past Requirements

- Unique results required when a jurisdiction has more than one measure on the ballot and the measures contain the same response names/labels (*example: approve/reject, levy yes/levy no*).

New Requirements

- Unique results are required whenever a jurisdiction has more than one measure on the ballot, regardless of response names/labels.

Statutes & Rules

The below Statutes and Rules pertain to Logic & Accuracy Tests.

Only one rule, WAC 434-335-323, was recently changed (October 2021).

- RCW 29A.12.130 - Tallying systems—Programming tests
- WAC 434-335-270 - Definition of official logic and accuracy test
- WAC 434-335-275 - Pretest
- WAC 434-335-280 - Logic and accuracy test conduct
- WAC 434-335-290 - Logic and accuracy test observers
- WAC 434-335-300 - Logic and accuracy testing of vote tabulation systems
- WAC 434-335-310 - Procedures for conducting an emergency logic and accuracy test
- WAC 434-335-320 - Scheduling the logic and accuracy test—State primary and general election
- WAC 434-335-323 - Preparing the logic and accuracy test
- WAC 434-335-325 - Exception to logic and accuracy test pattern
- WAC 434-335-330 - Logic and accuracy test certification
- WAC 434-335-335 - Other primaries and elections

Steps in preparing for the Logic & Accuracy Test



- * *Make sure to test and log all Accessible Voting Units (AVU) to be used in the election. Remember to include all contests, jurisdictions, and precinct portions/ballot styles.*

What does OSOS look for?

When you submit your matrix and sample ballot to the Secretary of State, the following items are reviewed:

- Confirm that the sample ballot and matrix include all the state races/measures.
- Confirm that the test pattern is correct for all contests included in the provided matrix.

The OSOS does NOT:

- Confirm that all local jurisdictions, races, and measures have been included.
- Confirm that all precinct portions/ballot styles have been included.
- Confirm that contests that are not countywide include the correct precincts/ballot styles.